



Awards

2006 Top Ten Green Schools
National Geographic Magazine's
Green Guide

2004 Walter Taylor Award
AASA/AIA/CEFPI

2004 Places of Learning 1st Place
New England Sustainable Energy
Association (NESEA)

2004 Citation
American School & University

2004 Recognized Value Award
Design Share

2004 Honorable Mention
Sustainable Buildings Industry
Council

2004 Honorable Mention
School Planning & Management

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The first LEED-registered public school in New England, the Capuano Early Childhood Center is a model high-performance facility incorporating extensive classroom daylighting, a 35 kW photovoltaic system and an energy efficient envelope, mechanical and electrical system reducing energy cost by over 38%. Materials were selected because they are more durable and require less maintenance than commonly used construction materials, are made from recycled products, and can be recycled in the future. In addition, the site is designed with a drip irrigation system to significantly reduce water usage. It received significant funding from the local utility company and a "Green School" grant from the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative.

This two-story school is situated on the edge of a city park in a dense residential neighborhood. The PK-1 facility is designed to accommodate 560 students from around the city and provides full-day programs aimed at reading and language readiness, as well as an extensive after-school program. Because of its location on Glen Park, which was redesigned to serve Somerville's youngest users, the new Capuano serves as a community resource with a full-size gymnasium and cafetorium, as well as community gardens, soccer fields and basketball courts.





- Size**
80,200 sf
- Capacity**
560 students, Pre-K - 1
- Site size**
4.3 acres (includes non-contiguous areas)
- Construction cost**
\$15,500,000
- Project cost**
\$17,800,000
- Construction period**
March 2002- August 2003

